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Schofield Barracks Soldiers die in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced today the death of two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died May 28 in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, of wounds sustained when their OH-58D Kiowa helicopter crashed after receiving heavy enemy fire during combat operations. They were assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Keith N. Heidtman, 24, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Chief Warrant Officer (CW2) Theodore U. Church, 32, of South Point, Ohio.

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For further information on these Soldiers, contact the USAG-HI Public Affairs Office at (808) 655-4815 or (808) 655-8729.

To date, public affairs does not have a photograph of Heidtman. A photo of Church is available electronically.

At this time, Church's family in Ohio asks that the media respect their wishes and allow them time to grieve in private.